

Helping Community Non-Profits

Community Development Block Grant—Capital Improvement Program

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES, EUGENE SERVICE CENTER

The Eugene Community Service Center, located at 1464 W. 6th Avenue, is operated by Catholic Community Services (CCS). The Center provides a variety of basic needs services for low-income households, including food assistance, energy assistance, emergency rental assistance, distribution of clothing and personal hygiene items, help obtaining identification documents, bus passes and prescription medications, and referral to other sources of help.



Last year the Center helped approximately 10,000 unduplicated persons, more than 91 percent with incomes below the federal poverty level and more than 60 percent with incomes less than half the federal poverty level.

In 2009, the City of Eugene provided a \$91,000 CDBG grant for the acquisition and renovation of the current facility at 1464 W. 6th Avenue. This helped CCS convert what had been a used car dealership into a Community Service Center.

In 2014, the City of Eugene provided a \$27,000 CDBG grant to support an interior renovation project designed to expand the service capacity of the Service Center. The project involved converting approximately 500 square feet of warehouse space into additional program delivery space for the energy assistance program. Working in cooperation with the Lane County Human Services Division and the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB), CCS recently took on the delivery of low-income energy assistance programs for Eugene. This involves scheduling 20-minute intake appointments with more than 6,000 low-income households during the energy assistance season.

Food distribution and energy assistance are now the anchor programs serving 10,000-15,000 low income persons each year at this facility. Long term plans are to continue to bring in additional services and partner agencies in order to create a "one-stop shop" for families working to achieve stability and move out of poverty. The recently-completed renovation helped create critical space needed to realize this goal.



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